

WAR ON THE BRIBERS.

Two Custom-House Brokers Already Arrested and Held.

Charged with Paying Weighers for Making False Returns.

Fifty Importers and Customs Officers Said to Be Implicated in Revenue Frauds.

The character of the startling revelations in connection with certain dishonest methods of Customs House employees was partially explained to-day.

On complaint of Special Treasury Agent George W. Whitehead, of New York, and John Fortman were held by United States Commissioner Shields in \$2,000 bail each for examination next Tuesday, on the charge of attempting to bribe a Custom-house official.

Schneider is a member of the firm of Carl Rusk and Son, Custom-House brokers, at 124 Pearl street, and Fortman is a clerk employed by that firm.

It is alleged that, Dec. 21 last, Schneider gave Fortman \$150 to give to Assistant Weigher Edward W. Simmons, for the purpose of bribing him to make a false return on the weight of a consignment of uncracked rice from Hong Kong to Pusan & Co. Simmons accepted the bribe, it is claimed, in order to eliminate the briber, and then reported the circumstances to Agent Whitehead, who arrested Fortman last night and Schneider this morning.

The special charge against Schneider is for paying money to Fortman for having influenced him to defraud the Government. That agent Fortman is for causing said money to be paid.

William A. Brown, of 124 Pearl street, furnished the required bail, and the prisoners were both released.

Commissioner Shields would say nothing about the alleged bribe, but he said that anything pertaining to further developments, more than that there was one more man wanted, would be accomplished very soon.

The arrest of Schneider and Fortman will be followed by several others. It is the first step toward breaking up a system of robbing the Government by fraudulent valuation of imports which has been going on in the Customs service for years. It involves many Custom-house brokers and importers, and it is said that fifty persons are implicated.

Neither Collector Hendricks nor Agent Whitehead would discuss the arrest to-day. Collector Hendricks admitted that they were the origin of the alleged custom-house frauds which were unearthed by surveyor Lyon and for which Broker Cutler was indicted.

For several months Treasury agents have been at work, and it is said that they have succeeded in securing evidence against the ring, which includes several well-known importers.

It was learned this afternoon that the three persons who Schneider is alleged to have paid \$150 to, were \$150 to undervalue goods stored in a bonded warehouse and will be seized by the Custom-House authorities. They are said to be worth \$25,000.

At the Custom-House it was said that Simmons was no longer an inspector, and it was hinted that he would probably be among those to be arrested.

ARMED RUSTLERS FOLLOW.

The Prisoners from Fort McKinney on Route to the Railway.

CHICAGO, Pa., April 20.—The armed army of rustlers is on route to the railway under escort of the six companies from Fort McKinney. The journey will occupy four or five days. Gov. Barker does not undertake at this time to say what he will do with the men.

Readers to the number of 300 to 700 are following the command, and only the knowledge of the serious results that would ensue prevent them from making an effort to secure the outlaws for private punishment.

Capt. Parmelee, of the National Guard, reports from Buffalo that the town is becoming quiet again.

Three rangers who have been "seized" arrived from the war territory yesterday and two others have gone East from Gillett. The rustlers believe that these men knew of the raid in advance and want to tell them the full story of it. The rustlers have seen and all news is brought by mail-carriers.

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS.

In State Convention Indorse Every-thing Republican, Including Quay.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 20.—The Republican State Convention to nominate a candidate for Supreme Judge, two candidates for Congressmen-at-large, four for Senators-at-large and eight for Delegates-at-large to the National Convention, was called to order by State Chairman, William C. Weaver, at 10 o'clock this morning, in the Harrisburg Opera-House.

All of the 370 delegates responded to their names at roll-call.

John W. Tate, of Philadelphia, was made temporary Chairman.

C. L. Mages was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions; David Martin on Permanent Organization.

The platform favored the Administration, silver, protection, the tariff, and the tariff and the State Legislature's work; called for internal improvement, free trade, and the tariff and the State Legislature's work; called for internal improvement, free trade, and the tariff and the State Legislature's work.

Incendiaries in Louisville.

Twelve Attempts Within Four Days to Burn the City.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 20.—Seven attempts were made to burn the city last night. In four hours fifteen buildings were destroyed and a loss of \$15,000 estimated. All the fires were of incendiary origin. All the alarm bells from the same section of the town, and on property they follow that engines and hose were called out.

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KATIE DORR WAS WITNESS.

She Denied that She Had Ever Accused Louis Schultz.

Miss Walters's \$50,000 Breach of Promise Suit Nearly Ended.

In Part I of the City Court this morning trial was resumed of the \$50,000 breach of promise suit, which broke-eyed George Walters is pressing against Inventor Schultz.

Miss George's evidence was finished yesterday and a part of the evidence for Mr. Schultz was introduced. This morning Judge Foster, an artist, who lives in the same house with Schultz, 24 West Nineteenth street, from October, 1890, to June, 1891, swore that he knew Schultz intimately and had known Miss Walters a year.

"My acquaintance with her grew out of purchasing cigars from her at her father's store," said the witness, "and she was the last I saw of her."

On cross-examination the artist was led by ex-Judge Brown, counsel for the plaintiff, to say that Schultz was one of those open-mouthed men who talk quite confidentially to strangers, even on the sacred affairs of love.

"That reply was in answer to a question as to why Schultz should make a complaint of the witness,"

The witness later stated that at one time when he and Schultz were sitting at the same house, Schultz said to him, "de Fostie, I like that girl six months from now as well as I do now I shall marry her."

Counselor Brown drew from the witness that, some time previous to his visit to Miss Walters in July, he had said something pleasant to her about an engagement, and she might have inferred that he was offering congratulations. However, he said he did not mean it in that light, and plaintiff's attorney drew from him that he afterwards told Miss Walters something about it, bringing all a joke when he left.

"Mrs. Jorr," called Attorney Yeamans for the defense, "was the mother of Katie Dorra, who was the mother of Louis Schultz."

At this point the witness said that she had never seen Schultz, and that she had never seen him.

She was a black-eyed woman of thirty years, and was modestly attired in a brown gown. Her eyes are very pretty. She denied that she had at any time had any improper relations with Schultz.

"I never told Miss Walters I had ever loved her," said the witness, "and I never told her that I had ever loved her."

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TO FORCE JAY GOULD OUT.

Union Pacific Stockholders Will Choose New Managers.

The Wizard and His Friends Have Sold Out Their Holdings.

Wall street is somewhat excited to-day over the report that Jay Gould is about to leave the Union Pacific.

When Jay Gould got control of the Union Pacific Railroad a year ago, he turned President Charles Francis Adams out of office and put in his place Sidney P. Dillon. He also made General Manager S. H. H. Clark, of the Missouri Pacific, General Manager of the Union Pacific.

At that time Gould was credited with large holdings of the stock, but the truth was that he was a large creditor of the company and compelled the stockholders to put him in control.

What shares he then had he has since sold out, and his friends have as a rule followed his example. It is said now that he has also disposed of a large share of the \$60,000,000 in collateral trust notes which he took in exchange for his evidences of indebtedness against the company.

As a result of these changes Gould is no longer a power in Union Pacific, and the stockholders, who have no great liking for him or his management, are making preparations to oust him from control at the coming annual meeting which is to be held April 27.

The situation has been discussed on the street for some weeks, and it was generally believed that Gen. W. Dodge, who is a director of the company and "in" with the Ames or Boston party, would be the next President.

There is a story about to-day, however, that the office will go to Capt. Richard S. Hayes, who was in past years a Gould adversary, but who has lately been opposed to him in his financial and railroad deals.

A very large portion of Union Pacific stock is now in the hands of foreigners, and Mr. Roosevelt, who represents these foreign holders to the amount of 200,000 shares, or one-fourth the capital stock of the company, is here to make a deal with the Boston clique.

It is said that he is in conference in New York with Frederick L. Ames and Vice-President Clark, arranging for the ticket that will be submitted to the stockholders at the coming annual meeting.

Mr. Clark will be retained as general manager of the road if he will give up his position with the Missouri Pacific, and likewise that Mr. Dillon, who is retained in the Board of Directors on account of his past services to the company, though his stockholdings are very small.

Russell Sage and other members of the Gould party have quietly sold out their stock, and are prepared for the coming change, although Mr. Sage has not yet sold out.

At the present time the Gould party is going to be ousted after all he has done to the company, and the time assistance which he rendered last winter when the company was in danger of going to the hands of the Ames party.

Mr. Gould's son, George, said to-day that his father is satisfied to let any one else wrestle with the Union Pacific, and that he has no choice in the matter, and if the stockholders say he must go, he will.

Mr. Gould is a resident of the New York and Northern Railroad and is about fifty years of age. He was for many years Vice-President of the Southern Railway system, which he left in 1888.

A BURGLAR IN HIS STORE.

Mallard Caught Him and Saved the \$1,000 in His Safe.

Henry Mallard, who keeps a fruit store at 320 Greenwich street, appeared in Jefferson Market Court this morning to press a charge of burglary against Hugh Fitzpatrick, twenty-nine years old, of 241 Washington street.

Mallard and his brother Albert sleep in a room in the rear of the store. When they went to bed last night there was \$1,000 in cash in the safe and about \$200 worth of fruit in the store.

At 1 o'clock this morning Henry Mallard heard a noise in the store and got up to see what it meant. He went out through the back door and saw a man running down the street. He followed him and caught him in the store.

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BARGAINS DURING THIS MONTH.



PARLOR SUITS IN ALL THE LATEST COVERINGS, FROM \$40 to \$125.

MOQUETTES, VELVETS, BODY BRUSSELS, TA CLOTH, MATTING, BABY CAR.

To buy a good thing in furniture you must go to the right place. Inferior goods are dear at any price. Fair dealing is what honest people ask. Every dollar spent at our establishment you are sure to get full value for. Every article bought of us carries a five years' guarantee. Our showrooms are large and well lighted, and are located in the midst of the retail district, where competition is so great, you can depend upon it that our prices are the very lowest for reliable goods.

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MUTUAL FURNITURE & MFG CO.

Showrooms, 6th Ave., Corner of 17th St.

OSMOND SENTENCED TO DIE. His Execution by Electricity Fixed for June 6.

John Lewis Osmond was sentenced to-day, by Justice Ingraham, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, to die in the electrical chair at Sing Sing, in the week beginning June 6.

Osmond is a very small, insignificant-looking man, and his crime was that of killing his wife and a boarder named John Burchell at their flat at 404 Third avenue, Oct. 3, 1891. He was convicted last week, after a four days' trial.

Charles W. Brooke defended Osmond, and this morning made a plea for a new trial, which was denied.

Osmond replied in a firm, clear tone that he had no objection to say what the sentence of death should be pronounced against him, and listened with only a passing interest to the words of Justice Ingraham.

The court delivered no lecture to the convicted murderer, saying that he had no desire to add to the wretchedness of his situation. Deputy Sheriff Burke took Osmond back to the Tombs, but he will not be taken to Sing Sing, for Mr. Brooke informed Mr. Wellman that he should take the case to the General Term on an appeal and would serve a notice of such appeal upon the District Attorney to-morrow.

This will act as a stay of proceedings and the prisoner will remain in the Tombs until the case has been passed upon by the highest court in the State.

A. T. STEWART'S COUSINS.

Continuing the Testimony in the Effort to Break His Will.

Judge Pryor and a jury, in Common Pleas, to-day resumed the trial of the will of Alexander Stewart against ex-Judge Hilton, by which the plaintiff, who claims to be one of the heirs of A. T. Stewart, seeks to have the will of the millionaire declared invalid, and to get some of his property.

Mr. Gary B. Dean, a first cousin of A. T. Stewart, has been too ill to attend court, and a certificate of Dr. Charles C. Barrow was read, stating that his testimony might be taken at his house.

His daughter, Ella Dean, who yesterday said ex-Judge Hilton once told her mother that if she would keep quiet everything would be all right, testified to-day that up to the time of Mr. Stewart's death ex-Judge Hilton had given her mother various sums of money, aggregating \$1,210. He gave her sister a position in his store. Her father was also employed there, but he was discharged about the time of Mr. Stewart's death.

The witness was cross-examined by Lawyer Joseph H. Choate.

Burglars Blew the Safe Open.

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Stern Bros.

will offer to-morrow the following Special Bargains in their Upholstery Dep'ts

150 Pairs Chenille Portieres

Extra fine quality at \$5.75 a pair Reduced from \$9.50.

175 Pairs Irish Point, Tambour & Antique Lace

Also L. uis XVI. Sash Curtains in 2, 3 and 4 pair lots at \$7.50 a pair Formerly \$9.50 to \$12.50.

250 Pairs Silk Striped Curtains

at \$3.69 a pair Formerly \$6.25.

Window Shades And Furniture Slip Covers To Order

Lace Curtains Cleaned at Moderate Prices and stored during the Summer. Free of Charge.

West 23d St.

STRIKERS FACE A COMBINE.

Bossea Organize to Fight the Cabine-Workers.

Those of the employers of cabine-workers who have not yet yielded to the demands of their men for a strike have been formed a combination for the purpose of making a more determined stand against the strikers.

The combination includes Pottery, Styum & Sons, C. W. Koch & Son, the Bradley & Currier Company and thirty-four others. Members of the combination declare that they are prepared to oppose the demands of the strikers to the end, and that they will not yield, whatever be the consequences.

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